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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **Hiroaki KOSEKI et al.**

Group Art Unit: **2612**

Serial No.: **09/395,935**

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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated November 17, 2004.

In the Action, Applicants are required to elect one of the following groups of species for prosecution in this application:

- 1) First Species: Figures 1-6C;
- 2) Second Species: Figure 7;
- 3) Third Species: Figures 8-9;
- 4) Fourth Species: Figures 10A-10B;
- 5) Fifth Species: Figures 11A-11B;
- 6) Six Species: Figures 12A-12B;

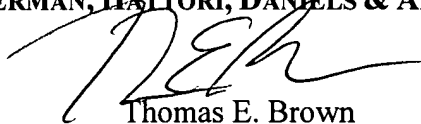
- 7) Seven Species: Figures 13A-13B;
- 8) Eighth Species: Figures 14-16;
- 9) Ninth Species: Figures 17-20;
- 10) Tenth Species: Figures 21A-21B;
- 11) Eleventh Species: Figures 22A-22C;
- 12) Twelfth Species: Figures 23-24, and
- 13) Thirteenth Species: Figures 25-27.

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of the first species, Figs. 1-6C directed to claims 1 and 22-27, for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, and it is understood that Applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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